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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHE (Instructions on Reverse)	ET ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)		
PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS		
Pretto Rico Electric Power Authority	Wilma Velárquez Cortés		
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Convetjer LLC - 625 Ave. Rome de León Son Jun, PR 00917 -4189 Tel. (781) 751 - 4418	ATTORNEYS (If Known)  Elsia I Vazguel Danla C. Pancipal Num 21  Urb. El Rapo Son German, PR 00183		
PARTY (Check One Box Only)  □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee	PARTY (Check One Box Only)  □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee		
Cause of action (write a Brief Statement of Causi Complaint to determine the dischargeability	ty of a ollbt. Il USC sec. 523 Fed. R Bank. P. 40		
NATURE (Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as			
FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued)		
11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property	61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support		
12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference	68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury		
13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer	63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan		
14-Recovery of money/property - other	64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation		
FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien  21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	(other than domestic support)  65-Dischargeability - other		
EDDD 7001/3)	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief		
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property  31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay		
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FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge 41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest  81-Subordination of claim or interest		
FRBP 7001(5) - Revocation of Confirmation  51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment  91-Declaratory judgment		
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability  66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims  62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation,	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action  01-Determination of removed claim or cause		
actual fraud	Other		
67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	SS-SIPA Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq.		
(continued next column)	02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy case)		
$\hfill\Box$ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	☐ Check if this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23		
☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$		
Other Relief Sought			
Determination that olebt for \$12,193.94	is not dischargeable		

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES				
NAME OF DEBTOR  (U) ma Velazguer Corte's		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.	Chapter 7	
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING  PWAN Rico (Son San)		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)				
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDAN	Γ	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)				
DATE  02/17/2020		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)  Refael M. Pariree Polarco		

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

**Demand.** Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

**Signature.** This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

IN RE	Case No. 19-06090 (EAG)
WILMA VELÁZQUEZ CORTÉS	Chapter 7
Debtor	
P.R. ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY  Plaintiff	Adversary Proceeding No  Re: Determination of dischargeability of debt
v.	
WILMA VELÁZQUEZ CORTÉS	

#### **COMPLAINT**

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

Defendant

COMES NOW the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA" or "Plaintiff"), through its undersigned counsel and, very respectfully, states and prays:

### I. Jurisdiction and venue

- 1. The Honorable Court has jurisdiction over the present adversary proceeding pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 523, 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4007 and Part 7, Fed R. Bankr. P. 7001, et seq. This is a core matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(I).
  - 2. Venue is proper in this Honorable Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

#### II. The Parties

3. PREPA is a governmental unit of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and a public corporation with its main offices located in San Juan, Puerto Rico<sup>1</sup>. PREPA's mailing address is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 101(27) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code defines "governmental unit," inter alia, as an instrumentality of a Commonwealth or a Territory. PREPA is an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. 22 L.P.R.A. § 193.

- P.O. Box 363928, San Juan, P.R. 00936-3928. PREPA's telephone number is 787-521-4448. PREPA's fax number is 787-521-4440.
- 4. Wilma Velázquez Cortés ("Debtor" and/or "Defendant") is a natural person and the Debtor in the bankruptcy case of caption. Debtor's physical and postal address is Urb. El Valle 131 Calle Alamo Lajas, PR 00667-2502.

## III. Facts, allegations, and cause of action

- 5. PREPA was the supplier of electricity to a property owned by Debtor located at Urb. El Valle 131 Calle Alamo Lajas, PR 00667 (the "Property").
  - 6. PREPA is a creditor of Debtor.
- 7. Prior to the filing of Debtor bankruptcy petition, PREPA detected irregularities in the consumption of electric power ("irregularidades en el consumo de energía eléctrica" or "ICEE" for its Spanish acronym) under account #3552921000 in Debtor's name and which corresponds to the Property.
- 8. PREPA's investigation of the electrical facilities of the Property revealed that PREPA's meters and/or electrical facilities had been illegally bypassed, intervened, tampered with and/or manipulated in such a way that the actual amount of electric power being consumed was not properly registered, therefore causing the meter to register a reduced amount of electricity consumption.
- 9. As a result of the ICEE related to the Property, PREPA determined that \$10,143.70 worth of electricity had been consumed without having been registered by the meter.
- 10. In addition to the \$10,143.70 of unpaid electricity, PREPA charged to account #3552921000 an administrative charge or penalty of \$550.24 and a fine of \$1,500.00, both for the ICEE, for a total of \$12,193.94.

- 11. On September 26, 2019, PREPA met with Debtor and discussed the ICEE charges. As a result of that meeting, Debtor acknowledged ICEE debt and committed to make full payment of the debt through a payment plan. Nevertheless, Debtor failed to make a single payment.
- 12. Debtor owes PREPA the total pre-petition amount of \$10,143.70 for undue use of electric power services arising from ICEE.
- 13. The amount of \$10,143.70 owed by Debtor to PREPA is the result of Debtor having illegally intervened or tampered with and/or manipulated PREPA's meter and electric service facilities at Debtor's property.
- 14. Debtor's actions with regards to PREPA's meter and electrical facilities are not only illegal but also violate PREPA's General Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Electric Energy (the "GTCs") and are a breach of Debtor's representations to PREPA that she was going to comply with the GTCs.
- 15. Had PREPA known that Debtor's representations that she was going to comply with the GTCs were false and that Debtor was not going to comply with the GTCs and was going to break the law by bypassing, tampering, intervening, or manipulating PREPA's meter and electrical facilities, PREPA would not have supplied electricity to Debtor and/or her Property. Therefore, Debtor's debt with PREPA for \$10,143.70 is a result of Debtor's obtaining PREPA's property through false pretenses and false representations.
- 16. By bypassing, tampering, intervening, or manipulating PREPA's meters and electrical facilities, Debtor willfully and maliciously caused injury to PREPA and to PREPA's property, in the amount of \$10,143.70. Said debt is also the result of Debtor committing larceny and illegally appropriating herself of PREPA's property, to wit, the electricity supplied by PREPA to Debtor and/or Debtor's property.

- 17. Debtor additionally owes PREPA \$550.24 in administrative charges assessed by PREPA as a result of Debtor having illegally bypassed, intervened, tampered with and/or manipulated PREPA's meter or electrical facilities. The amount in administrative charges is not compensation for PREPA's actual pecuniary loss but rather serves a punitive and/or rehabilitative governmental aim.
- 17. Debtor's debt with PREPA for the total of \$12,193.94 is not dischargeable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 523(a)(2), (4), (6), and (7), as it is a debt for property and/or services obtained by Debtor through false pretenses, a false representation, or actual fraud and/or it is a debt that resulted from Debtor causing willful and malicious injury to PREPA and PREPA's property and/or a result of Debtor committing larceny and illegally appropriating herself of PREPA's electricity, and/or a debt for a fine, administrative charge, or penalty assessed by PREPA to Debtor payable to PREPA and for PREPA's benefit that is not compensation for PREPA's actual pecuniary loss and that is not a tax penalty and that serve a punitive and/or rehabilitative governmental aim, to wit, to discourage ICEE practices by PREPA's customers.

WHEREFORE PREPA respectfully requests from the Honorable Court that it grant PREPA's complaint and that it enter judgment in favor of PREPA and against Debtor to the effect that Debtor's debt with PREPA for \$12,193.94 is not a dischargeable debt.

# RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 17th day of February 2020.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:** I hereby certify that on February 17, 2020, I electronically filed a copy of the foregoing motion with the Clerk of the Honorable Court, using the CM/ECF system, which will send electronic notice of the motion to all CM/ECF interested participants, including counsel for Debtor.

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